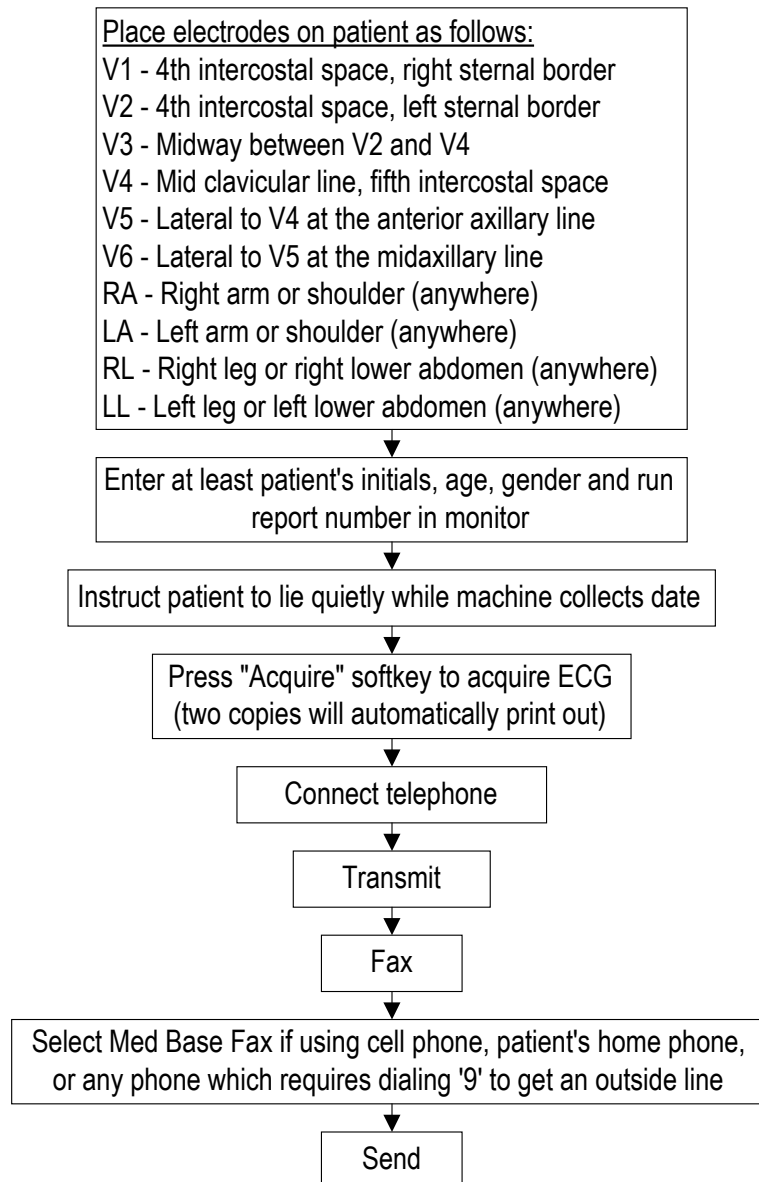


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
PRACTICAL SKILL
12-LEAD
ELECTROCARDIOGRAM**

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Purpose:		Indications:	
To obtain and transmit a diagnostic quality 12-lead electrocardiogram		Any patient experiencing symptoms of suspected cardiac origin	
Advantages:	Disadvantages:	Complications:	Contraindications:
Provides electrical view of all areas of the myocardium	May delay transport	None	Critical or unstable patient



NOTES:

- Obtain the 12 lead at the earliest opportunity without compromising patient care.
- For best results, the 12 lead should be transmitted from the patient's home over a land line. 12-lead ECGs do not transmit well from the inside of an ambulance!
- Do not delay administration of nitroglycerin to obtain a 12 lead ECG.